

COMPREHENSION CHALLENGES

In the year 1861, the obscure chief of the Chiricahua Indians, Cochise, came to notice when an army officer attempted to arrest him for a crime he did not commit. Cochise escaped his would-be captor and then led his people into war against the white settlers. He was a brilliant strategist in battle and was responsible for holding back the settlement of the Southwest.

After some time, a man named Jeffords led General O. Howard to Cochise's hideout for an interview. Cochise finally agreed to the terms put forth by General Howard and accepted a reservation for his tribe.

Several fictional accounts of his life have been written and portray him as a man who fought for a cause that he believed in, but who was most savage in his methods of waging war.

Cochise died on his people's reservation and was secretly buried. To this day, no one knows his actual burial place.



1. This selection is about:
 - (a) General Howard
 - (b) the Chiricahua
 - (c) Cochise
 - (d) Jeffords
2. The army tried to:
 - (a) induct Cochise
 - (b) charge Cochise with a crime
 - (c) punish Cochise
 - (d) frighten Cochise
3. Cochise is responsible for:
 - (a) the rapid settlement of the Southwest
 - (b) getting the Indians to the first reservation
 - (c) getting the first Indians in U. S. Army
 - (d) holding back the settlement of the Southwest
4. Cochise agreed:
 - (a) to moving out of the Southwest
 - (b) stop fighting and go to a reservation
 - (c) accept payment for U. S. Army
 - (d) teach the army his strategies
5. Before the army attempted to arrest Cochise, he was:
 - (a) a well-known warrior
 - (b) a mighty chieftan
 - (c) a little-known chief
 - (d) a noted strategist
6. A strategist is one who:
 - (a) retreats from war
 - (b) plans battles
 - (c) is responsible
 - (d) leads the army
7. From the story you can conclude that Jeffords was a:
 - (a) mortal enemy of U. S. Government
 - (b) a mortal enemy of Cochise
 - (c) a friend of Cochise
 - (d) an enemy of Howard
8. From the story you can see that Cochise's people:
 - (a) trusted his judgement
 - (b) disagreed with him
 - (c) exposed him
 - (d) disliked him